



Young Academics Network

10th Cycle

1st Seminar

Programme

Vienna, Austria | 10th-12th September 2026

The FEPS event is organised in cooperation with Karl-Renner-Institut
and the members of FEPS European Progressive Training Lab





The seminar will take place at the Karl-Renner Institut office:

Karl-Renner Institut

<https://renner-institut.at/>

Karl-Popper-Str. 8, 1100 Wien

Thursday, 10th September

15.00 Opening of the Seminar

- Dr. Sascha Obrecht, Director of Karl-Renner-Institut
- Dr. László Andor, FEPS Secretary General

15.30 YAN Gear Wheel

15.45 Lecture by Dr. László Andor, FEPS Secretary General

- *The EU and the PES family at the mid-term of the current legislative mandate 2024 - 2029*

16.45 Coffee Break

17.00 Building FEPS YAN 10th Cycle

- Immersion and integration (with ice-breakers)
- Introduction to the Network

18.00 Presentation Abstracts – Part I (9)

All the abstracts will be available to all the participants ahead of the event – and we encourage all Members to read through all of them. Each Member of the FEPS YAN is requested to prepare a 4-minute presentation on the abstract they submitted with their candidacy as a research proposal. The time will be strictly measured (also in the spirit of fairness) - so we suggest not to go beyond 2 slides (if using PPT). Then there will be two reviewers (assigned from among the Members in advance as well) who will each be given a minute to comment (and here again, due to the time limit, we suggest using the time wisely and going straight to the points). After that there will be 3 minutes for debate from the floor and 1 minute for the person presenting to answer. Additionally, to the reviewers, each abstract will be assigned to a rapporteur – who will make a note of the key words/questions and after the abstract presentation and debate on it is finished, pin it on a board (under the corresponding title). All these elements are crucial to observe, as they are fundamental in ensuring a smooth and satisfying to all process of the Working Groups' formation.

19.30 End of the day 20:00

Dinner at Campus Bräu





Friday, 11th September 2026

8.30 *Optional – Consultation with FEPS*

9:00 **Online welcome by S&D MEP Laura Ballarin (FEPS YAN Alumni)**

9.15 Departure for the Wiener Rathaus

10.00 **Visit to the Wiener Rathaus**

11.00 **Meeting Dr. Sascha Obrecht, Director of Karl-Renner Institut and Member of the City Council of Vienna**

12.00 Lunch

13.30 **Presentation Abstracts – Part II (15)**

16.00 Break

16.15 **Presentation Abstracts - Part III (13)**

18.25 Break

18.40 **Forming the Working Groups**

19.45 End of the Day

20.00 **Dinner at Klein-Steiermark**





Saturday, 12th September 2026

8.30 *Optional – Consultation with FEPS*

9.00 **Working in the Working Groups**

10.30 Break

10.45 **Working in the Working Groups**

12.30 **Evaluation and next steps**

- Our common commitments to successfully run the cycle

13.00 **Lunch** at the Karl-Renner Institut (possibility to take away)

The event will be geared by the Steering Team:

- Dr Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Director for Research and Training
- Dr Gerhard Marchl, Head of the Department for European Politics at the Karl-Renner-Institut
- Ms Elena Gil, FEPS Coordinator for Training and Projects
- And as a guest member, Ms Iris Vijverberg, FEPS Project Officer



1. Arrival and orientation

Arrival by train

The hotel, restaurant and Renner Institut office are all within a few minutes' walking distance of the Vienna Main Train Station (Wien Hauptbahnhof). See directions & map below.

Arrival by plane

Take a train from the Airport Train Station (Flughafen Wien) to the Vienna Main Train Station (Wien Hauptbahnhof / Wien Hbf). Train information: <https://www.oebb.at/en/>

Best connection: Railjet (runs approx. every half hour, takes 15 minutes, direct train)

Directions from Vienna Main Train Station to...

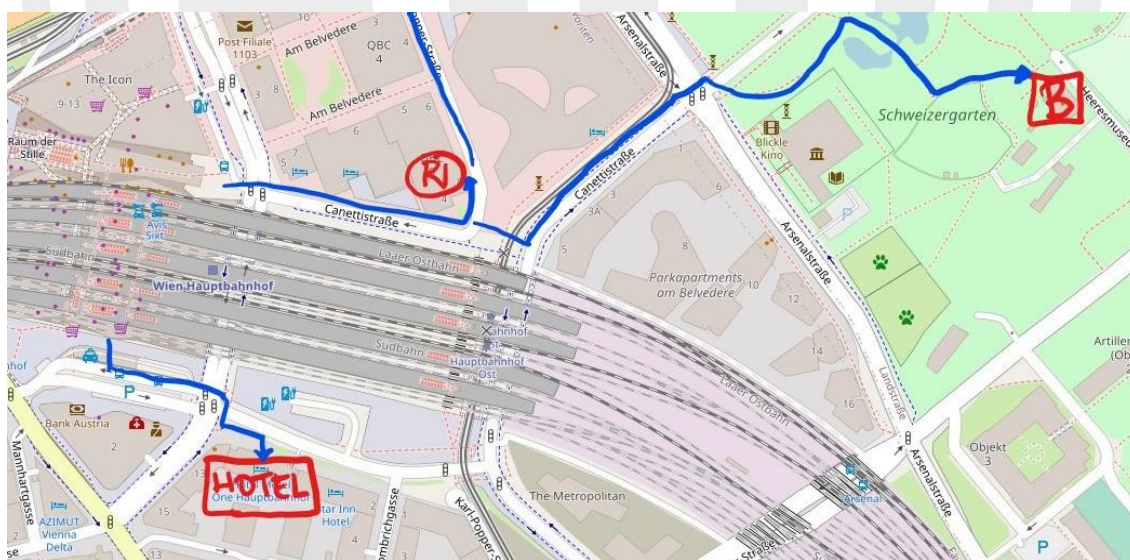
Hotel: Motel One Wien Hauptbahnhof (address: Gerhard-Bronner-Str. 11, see map: "Hotel")

→ Go to the main hall of the train station. Exit the train station at Sonnwendgasse (southern exit, next to small supermarket "Interspar Pronto"). Turn left, after 100m the hotel is on your right side.

Seminar venue: Renner Institut office (address: Karl-Popper-Str. 8, see map: "RI")

→ Go to the main hall of the train station. Exit the train station at "Gertrude-Fröhlich-Sandner- Straße" (north-east exit, where there are many fast food places, like Burger King).

Walk along the tracks and turn left after 100m into Karl-Popper-Str., Renner Institut is on your left side after 20m.





2. Last preparations and what to bring:

- a. Check the abstracts and try to read through them
- b. Prepare your presentation in accordance to the guidelines above
- c. Prepare your contributions as a Peer Reviewer
- d. Bring a printed photo of yourself that shows you in a different than professional context and says something about you when it comes to i.e. hobbies, fascinations etc. It will be put on a 'get to know each other' board. In case you do not wish to share a photo – we offer another option, which is to draw directly on the board 😊. If you are not attending the seminar, please, send us the photo via email and we will make sure it is pinned on the board.

3. Working language and dress code

The meeting will be conducted in English. There will be no translation provided for any other languages.

The YAN meeting is a seminar – so we keep the dress code in accordance. Smart, professional but also slightly more casual than large political gatherings or academic conferences may be. Also, we will be taking public transport and there will be a guided tour in the Vienna City Hall – so you may want to consider shoes appropriate for walking a bit.

4. Meals

Breakfast is served at the hotel

Please let us know if you have any dietary restrictions that require specific attention.

Please note that no per diems will be offered and FEPS cannot cover any additional meals.

5. Reimbursement

The following travel costs will be reimbursed by FEPS:

Fare flight ticket/train ticket/reimbursement per km

Train, bus and metro tickets from the airport to the venue/ hotel and from the venue/hotel to the airport. No taxis/Uber will be reimbursed after 8AM or before 20.00.





The reimbursement will be done via bank transfer. The participants need to [fill in this form](#) and send it signed to FEPS Accountancy (accountancy@feps-europe.eu) and Elena Gil (elena.gil@feps-europe.eu) after the seminar, together with all the travel documents (tickets, boarding passes). Please, read the instructions carefully and send the form and all the documents in a single PDF.

6. Contact persons

In case you have any further questions, require any further assistance, or have an emergency during the seminar, please do not hesitate to contact us:

Elena Gil, FEPS: elena.gil@feps-europe.eu, +32 490 44 92 27 / +32 486 81 28 61

7. In case you are not planning to come this time...

It may happen that you cannot participate in the seminar due to work obligations, long-term plans, sudden events or health reasons.

If you cannot participate, but wish to remain a member of FEPS YAN and be involved in its further work, please:

- a. Notify FEPS in due time (same deadline as for confirmations).
- b. Write a letter to the other FEPS YAN members, explaining why you cannot come, outlining what you wish to share with the other YANNies at this time, and describing what you would like to contribute in the future. The letters will be displayed on a board.
- c. **In case you decide to drop out**, we would also appreciate a notification. Of course it is up to you, but a nice goodbye letter to all the members of YAN could be a great way to move ahead for all of us



